

a *dependent child*), and, in the case of a child applying for or in receipt of pension in his or her own behalf (hereinafter in this section referred to as a *surviving child*), of any person with whom such child is residing who is legally responsible for such child's support.

(b) *Obligation to report changes in factors affecting entitlement.* Any individual who has applied for or receives pension must promptly notify the Secretary in writing of any change affecting entitlement in any of the following:

- (1) Income;
- (2) Net worth or corpus of estate;
- (3) Marital status;
- (4) Nursing home patient status;
- (5) School enrollment status of a child 18 years of age or older; or

(6) Any other factor that affects entitlement to benefits under the provisions of this part.

(c) *Eligibility verification reports.* (1) For purposes of this section the term eligibility verification report means a form prescribed by the Secretary that is used to request income, net worth, dependency status, and any other information necessary to determine or verify entitlement to pension.

(2) The Secretary shall require an eligibility verification report under the following circumstances:

- (i) If the Social Security Administration has not verified the beneficiary's Social Security number and, if the beneficiary is married, his or her spouse's Social Security number;
- (ii) If there is reason to believe that the beneficiary or his or her spouse may have received income other than Social Security during the current or previous calendar year; or

(iii) If the Secretary determines that an eligibility verification report is necessary to preserve program integrity.

(3) An individual who applies for or receives pension as defined in § 3.3 of this part shall, as a condition of receipt or continued receipt of benefits, furnish the Department of Veterans Affairs an eligibility verification report upon request.

(d) If VA requests that a claimant or beneficiary submit an eligibility verification report but he or she fails to do so within 60 days of the date of the VA request, the Secretary shall suspend the award or disallow the claim.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1506)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

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#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Source Surveillance Regulation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** On August 11, 1998, the EPA published a proposed rule (63 FR 42784) and a direct final rule (63 FR 42726) approving Maine's Chapter 117 "Source Surveillance Regulation." The EPA is withdrawing this final rule due to adverse comments and will summarize and address the comments received in a subsequent final rule (based upon the proposed rule cited above).

**DATES:** This withdrawal of the direct final rule will be effective October 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Bureau of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, 71 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04333.

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#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: September 28, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AB75

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered or Threatened Status for Five Desert Milk-vetch Taxa From California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) determines endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (Act) for three plants—*Astragalus jaegerianus* (Lane Mountain milk-vetch), *Astragalus lentiginosus* var. *coachellae* (Coachella Valley milk-vetch), and *Astragalus tricarinatus* (triple-ribbed milk-vetch); and threatened status for two plants, *Astragalus lentiginosus* var. *piscinensis* (Fish Slough milk-vetch), and *Astragalus magdalenae* var. *peirsonii* (*Peirson's milk-vetch*). Many taxa in the genus *Astragalus*, including the taxa covered by this rule, are endemic to habitats with specific substrate or hydrologic conditions and are, therefore, naturally limited in distribution by the availability of habitat. The five taxa in this rule occur in specific habitats within the three deserts of California; the Sonoran, Mojave, and Great Basin deserts. *Astragalus jaegerianus* occurs in granitic soils in San Bernardino County; *A. lentiginosus* var. *coachellae* occurs in the dune system of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County; *A. lentiginosus* var. *piscinensis* grows in moist alkaline flats near the border of Inyo and Mono counties; *A. tricarinatus* occurs in canyon slopes and washes in Riverside and San Bernardino counties and *A. magdalenae* var. *peirsonii* occurs primarily on dunes in Imperial County.

These five plant taxa are threatened by one or more of the following—mining, urban development, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and recreational development, pipeline maintenance, alteration of a wetland ecosystem, and low recruitment possibly due to rabbit herbivory or altered soil hydrology following fishery enhancement activities. Military training, and cattle grazing are potential threats. Two of the taxa are known from fewer than 200 individuals during the last decade. They are vulnerable to extinction from random natural events